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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. S.R.Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded

Admittances and exits in Sections 5, 7 and 8 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated

2. BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 - STATES.

| State | Benefits paid during February, 1949 | | | | Benefits paid during eight Months ended February, 1949. | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|---|----------|---------|---------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| | £. | £. | £. | £. | £. | £. | £. | £. |
| N.S.W.(a) | 1,611 | 22,023 | 3,746 | 27,380 | 16,125 | 209,124 | 25,906 | 251,155 |
| Victoria | 111 | 17,572 | 2,247 | 19,930 | 1,860 | 131,264 | 21,229 | 154,353 |
| Queensland | 13,041 | 8,980 | 845 | 22,866 | 46,596 | 74,875 | 5,877 | 127,348 |
| S. Aust.(b) | 11 | 7,271 | 379 | 7,661 | 388 | 53,881 | 2,562 | 56,831 |
| W.Australia | 569 | 4,428 | 303 | 5,300 | 7,980 | 41,883 | 4,201 | 54,064 |
| Tasmania | 163 | 2,631 | 290 | 3,084 | 2,284 | 26,905 | 2,419 | 31,608 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 15,506 | 62,905 | 7,810 | 86,221 | 75,233 | 537,932 | 62,194 | 675,359 |

3. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

The following table shows for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the eight months ended February, 1949.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 - STATES.

| State | Persons | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|----------|---------|--------|--|----------|---------|--------|
| | Claims admitted - eight months ended February, 1949. | | | | Benefits Discontinued - eight months ended February, 1949. | | | |
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| N.S.W.(a) | 1,789 | 17,278 | 4,020 | 23,087 | 1,910 | 17,322 | 3,887 | 23,119 |
| Victoria | 201 | 11,001 | 2,973 | 14,175 | 244 | 10,581 | 2,872 | 13,697 |
| Queensland | 5,656 | 7,016 | 237 | 12,909 | 4,797 | 6,861 | 232 | 11,890 |
| S. Aust.(b) | 69 | 4,509 | 101 | 4,679 | 82 | 4,589 | 108 | 4,779 |
| W. Australia | 662 | 4,175 | 552 | 5,389 | 758 | 4,182 | 562 | 5,502 |
| Tasmania | 77 | 1,832 | 96 | 2,005 | 77 | 1,872 | 83 | 2,032 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 8,454 | 45,811 | 7,979 | 62,244 | 7,868 | 45,407 | 7,744 | 61,019 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

4. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months February, 1948 to February, 1949, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

| Period | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|--|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| CLAIMS ADMITTED. | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1945-46 | 65,455 | 12,289 | 33,178 | 6,724 | 242 | 200 | 98,875 | 19,213 | 118,088 |
| 1946-47 | 73,379 | 5,199 | 45,024 | 11,002 | 1,271 | 335 | 119,674 | 16,536 | 136,210 |
| 1947-48 | 27,275 | 1,387 | 53,947 | 15,539 | 3,998 | 1,328 | 85,220 | 18,254 | 103,474 |
| 1948 - | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 5,953 | 294 | 4,049 | 1,271 | 528 | 224 | 10,530 | 1,789 | 12,319 |
| March | 3,446 | 297 | 3,843 | 1,144 | 147 | 214 | 7,436 | 1,655 | 9,091 |
| April | 1,386 | 112 | 3,906 | 1,171 | 115 | 43 | 5,407 | 1,326 | 6,733 |
| May | 1,005 | 69 | 5,300 | 1,543 | 1,434 | 263 | 7,739 | 1,875 | 9,614 |
| June | 743 | 37 | 4,044 | 1,097 | 97 | 36 | 4,884 | 1,170 | 6,054 |
| July | 799 | 69 | 6,595 | 1,774 | 848 | 265 | 8,242 | 2,108 | 10,350 |
| August | 571 | 55 | 4,737 | 1,335 | 147 | 61 | 5,455 | 1,451 | 6,906 |
| September | 542 | 60 | 4,500 | 1,214 | 722 | 159 | 5,764 | 1,433 | 7,197 |
| October | 939 | 51 | 5,169 | 1,515 | 1,288 | 102 | 7,396 | 1,668 | 9,064 |
| November | 973 | 61 | 4,074 | 1,210 | 2,051 | 456 | 7,098 | 1,727 | 8,825 |
| December (a) | 971 | 35 | 3,263 | 927 | 97 | 46 | 4,331 | 1,008 | 5,339 |
| 1949 - | | | | | | | | | |
| January (a) | 1,965 | 62 | 4,195 | 1,187 | 1,239 | 124 | 7,399 | 1,373 | 8,772 |
| February (a) | 1,250 | 51 | 3,162 | 954 | 344 | 30 | 4,756 | 1,035 | 5,791 |
| DISCONTINUANCES. | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1945-46 | 58,879 | 11,992 | 27,550 | 5,432 | 186 | 60 | 86,615 | 17,484 | 104,099 |
| 1946-47 | 73,974 | 5,269 | 43,388 | 10,075 | 1,136 | 210 | 118,498 | 15,554 | 134,052 |
| 1947-48 | 31,538 | 1,494 | 53,785 | 15,244 | 3,731 | 1,102 | 89,054 | 17,840 | 106,894 |
| 1948 - | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 4,176 | 194 | 3,821 | 1,081 | 447 | 39 | 8,444 | 1,314 | 9,758 |
| March | 3,075 | 177 | 3,937 | 1,124 | 189 | 232 | 7,201 | 1,533 | 8,734 |
| April | 4,585 | 308 | 3,856 | 1,126 | 155 | 206 | 8,596 | 1,640 | 10,236 |
| May | 2,081 | 97 | 5,083 | 1,538 | 690 | 125 | 7,854 | 1,760 | 9,614 |
| June | 971 | 57 | 4,034 | 1,151 | 649 | 99 | 5,654 | 1,307 | 6,961 |
| July | 1,321 | 74 | 6,099 | 1,732 | 646 | 176 | 8,066 | 1,982 | 10,048 |
| August | 625 | 52 | 4,554 | 1,272 | 448 | 143 | 5,627 | 1,467 | 7,094 |
| September | 746 | 62 | 4,629 | 1,254 | 250 | 80 | 5,625 | 1,396 | 7,021 |
| October | 802 | 76 | 5,429 | 1,563 | 1,404 | 159 | 7,635 | 1,798 | 9,433 |
| November | 1,012 | 44 | 4,145 | 1,188 | 1,373 | 266 | 6,530 | 1,498 | 8,028 |
| December (a) | 489 | 49 | 3,328 | 952 | 1,139 | 212 | 4,956 | 1,213 | 6,169 |
| 1949 - | | | | | | | | | |
| January (a) | 1,393 | 60 | 3,865 | 1,183 | 650 | 88 | 5,908 | 1,331 | 7,239 |
| February (a) | 1,007 | 56 | 3,318 | 896 | 623 | 87 | 4,948 | 1,039 | 5,987 |
| PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946 - June | 6,576 | 297 | 5,628 | 1,292 | 56 | 140 | 12,260 | 1,729 | 13,989 |
| 1947 - June | 5,981 | 227 | 7,264 | 2,219 | 191 | 265 | 13,436 | 2,711 | 16,147 |
| 1948 - | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 5,850 | 244 | 7,243 | 2,498 | 348 | 597 | 13,441 | 3,339 | 16,780 |
| March | 6,221 | 364 | 7,149 | 2,518 | 306 | 579 | 13,676 | 3,461 | 17,137 |
| April | 3,022 | 168 | 7,199 | 2,563 | 266 | 416 | 10,487 | 3,147 | 13,634 |
| May | 1,946 | 140 | 7,416 | 2,568 | 1,010 | 556 | 10,372 | 3,264 | 13,636 |
| June | 1,718 | 120 | 7,426 | 2,514 | 458 | 491 | 9,602 | 3,125 | 12,727 |
| July | 1,196 | 115 | 7,922 | 2,556 | 660 | 580 | 9,778 | 3,251 | 13,029 |
| August | 1,142 | 118 | 8,105 | 2,619 | 359 | 498 | 9,606 | 3,235 | 12,841 |
| September | 938 | 116 | 7,976 | 2,579 | 831 | 577 | 9,745 | 3,272 | 13,017 |
| October | 1,075 | 91 | 7,716 | 2,531 | 715 | 520 | 9,506 | 3,142 | 12,648 |
| November | 1,036 | 108 | 7,645 | 2,553 | 1,393 | 710 | 10,074 | 3,371 | 13,445 |
| December (a) | 1,518 | 94 | 7,580 | 2,528 | 351 | 544 | 9,449 | 3,166 | 12,615 |
| 1949 - | | | | | | | | | |
| January (a) | 2,090 | 96 | 7,910 | 2,532 | 940 | 580 | 10,940 | 3,208 | 14,148 |
| February (a) | 2,333 | 91 | 7,754 | 2,590 | 661 | 523 | 10,748 | 3,204 | 13,952 |

(a) Subject to revision.

5. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

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(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

| Duration of Benefits | Persons | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | February, 1949. | | | | Eight months ended February, 1949. | | | |
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| Weeks | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 228 | 347 | 6 | 581 | 1,230 | 3,999 | 457 | 5,686 |
| 1 and under 2 | 249 | 745 | 103 | 1,097 | 1,581 | 6,432 | 1,660 | 9,673 |
| 2 " " 3 | 188 | 686 | 67 | 941 | 1,117 | 5,870 | 1,973 | 8,960 |
| 3 " " 4 | 110 | 616 | 273 | 999 | 748 | 5,139 | 1,176 | 7,063 |
| 4 " " 5 | 106 | 450 | 70 | 626 | 512 | 3,862 | 622 | 4,996 |
| 5 " " 9 | 293 | 912 | 142 | 1,347 | 1,216 | 9,252 | 1,191 | 11,659 |
| 9 " " 13 | 89 | 445 | 42 | 576 | 451 | 4,207 | 252 | 4,910 |
| 13 " " 27 | 66 | 526 | 29 | 621 | 627 | 4,649 | 263 | 5,539 |
| 27 and over | 37 | 220 | 25 | 282 | 386 | 1,997 | 150 | 2,533 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 1,366 | 4,947 | 757 | 7,070 | 7,868 | 45,407 | 7,744 | 61,019 |

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during February, 1949 and the eight months ended February, 1949, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

| Duration of Benefits | February, 1949. | | | | Eight months ended February, 1949. | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Weeks | | | | | | | | |
| 27 and Over | 2.71 | 4.44 | 3.30 | 3.99 | 4.90 | 4.40 | 1.94 | 4.15 |
| 13 " " | 7.54 | 15.07 | 7.13 | 12.77 | 12.87 | 14.64 | 5.34 | 13.23 |
| 9 " " | 14.06 | 24.08 | 12.67 | 20.92 | 18.60 | 23.90 | 8.59 | 21.28 |
| 5 " " | 35.51 | 42.52 | 31.44 | 39.97 | 34.06 | 44.27 | 23.97 | 40.39 |
| 4 " " | 43.27 | 51.62 | 40.69 | 48.83 | 40.55 | 52.78 | 32.00 | 48.58 |
| 3 " " | 51.32 | 64.07 | 76.76 | 62.96 | 50.08 | 64.10 | 47.19 | 60.16 |
| 2 " " | 65.10 | 77.94 | 85.61 | 76.27 | 64.28 | 77.03 | 72.67 | 74.85 |
| 1 " " | 83.33 | 93.00 | 99.22 | 91.79 | 84.37 | 91.20 | 94.11 | 90.70 |
| Less than 1 | 16.67 | 7.00 | 0.78 | 8.21 | 15.63 | 8.80 | 5.89 | 9.30 |

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949, are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

| Reason for Cessation | February, 1949. | | | | Eight months ended February, 1949 | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Unemployment | | Sickness | |
| | Persons | % | Persons | % | Persons | % | Persons | % |
| Employment secured or resumed | 773 | 56.96 | 2,801 | 56.62 | 4,511 | 57.32 | 27,490 | 60.52 |
| Incapacity Terminated | - | - | 1,534 | 31.01 | - | - | 11,714 | 25.79 |
| Failure to report(a) | 449 | 32.87 | 171 | 3.46 | 2,564 | 32.59 | 2,114 | 4.66 |
| Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act | 44 | 3.22 | 31 | 0.63 | 273 | 3.47 | 305 | 0.67 |
| Statutory age limit(b) | 5 | 0.37 | 7 | 0.14 | 34 | 0.43 | 86 | 0.19 |
| Permanent incapacity(c) | 7 | 0.51 | 205 | 4.14 | 111 | 1.42 | 1,737 | 3.83 |
| Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance | 3 | 0.22 | 4 | 0.08 | 3 | 0.04 | 22 | 0.05 |
| Death | 1 | 0.07 | 65 | 1.31 | 6 | 0.08 | 674 | 1.48 |
| Transfer to another district | 23 | 1.68 | 65 | 1.31 | 115 | 1.46 | 591 | 1.33 |
| Other | 56 | 4.10 | 64 | 1.30 | 251 | 3.19 | 674 | 1.48 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 1,366 | 100.00 | 4,947 | 100.00 | 7,868 | 100.00 | 45,407 | 100.00 |

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension (c) Includes Transfer to Invalid Pension.

6. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 26th February, 1949, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 51 per 10,000 comprising 9 unemployment, 38 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females :-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949. PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

| Sex | Proportion | Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment | | | |
|---------|--------------------|--|----------|---------|-------|
| | | Unemployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| Males | Per 10,000 Males | 12 | 39 | 3 | 54 |
| Females | Per 10,000 Females | 1 | 36 | 7 | 44 |
| Persons | Per 10,000 Persons | 9 | 38 | 4 | 51 |

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 26th February, 1949:-

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949 : STATES.

| State | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| N.S.W. (a) | 188 | 30 | 2,842 | 908 | 443 | 191 | 3,473 | 1,129 | 4,602 |
| Victoria | 20 | 3 | 2,100 | 826 | 133 | 138 | 2,253 | 967 | 3,220 |
| Queensland | 1,980 | 52 | 1,256 | 376 | 52 | 69 | 3,288 | 497 | 3,785 |
| S.Aust.(b) | 5 | 2 | 657 | 203 | 10 | 29 | 672 | 234 | 906 |
| W.Australia | 113 | 3 | 572 | 197 | 15 | 40 | 700 | 240 | 940 |
| Tasmania | 27 | 1 | 327 | 80 | 8 | 56 | 362 | 137 | 499 |
| Total 26th February, 1949 | 2,333 | 91 | 7,754 | 2,590 | 661 | 523 | 10,748 | 3,204 | 13,952 |
| Total 28th February, 1948 | 5,850 | 244 | 7,243 | 2,498 | 348 | 597 | 13,441 | 3,339 | 16,780 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 26th February, 1949, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

| Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1948) | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|---|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| 16 - 19 years | 89 | 21 | 543 | 570 | 28 | 36 | 660 | 627 | 1,287 |
| 20 - 24 years | 230 | 33 | 868 | 567 | 75 | 46 | 1,173 | 646 | 1,819 |
| 25 - 29 years | 229 | 9 | 647 | 274 | 120 | 35 | 996 | 318 | 1,314 |
| 30 - 34 years | 190 | 6 | 648 | 203 | 96 | 38 | 934 | 247 | 1,181 |
| 35 - 39 years | 233 | 6 | 718 | 207 | 82 | 65 | 1,033 | 278 | 1,311 |
| 40 - 44 years | 216 | 5 | 692 | 204 | 57 | 73 | 965 | 282 | 1,247 |
| 45 - 49 years | 267 | 4 | 868 | 250 | 30 | 103 | 1,165 | 357 | 1,522 |
| 50 - 54 years | 271 | 3 | 854 | 180 | 4 | 59 | 1,129 | 242 | 1,371 |
| 55 - 59 years | 293 | 4 | 996 | 130 | 4 | 53 | 1,293 | 187 | 1,480 |
| 60 years and over | 315 | - | 920 | 5 | 165 | 15 | 1,400 | 20 | 1,420 |
| TOTAL : | 2,333 | 91 | 7,754 | 2,590 | 661 | 523 | 10,748 | 3,204 | 13,952 |

7. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949, and by those who were on benefit at 26th February, 1949.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

X. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING FEBRUARY, 1949, AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

| Cause of Unemployment | Admissions during - | | | | On Benefit | |
|--|---------------------|----|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------|----|
| | February 1949 | | Eight months ended February, 1949 | | 26th February, 1949 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Discharged or laid-off - | | | | | | |
| Disciplinary reasons .. | 10 | 1 | 143 | 2 | 19 | - |
| Inefficiency, including medical unfitness .. | 26 | 1 | 326 | 15 | 51 | 1 |
| Power rationing .. | 12 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Shortage of materials .. | 27 | - | 949 | 35 | 64 | 2 |
| Strikes and lockouts .. | 10 | - | 158 | 3 | 7 | - |
| Seasonal work .. | 767 | 7 | 2,330 | 15 | 1,194 | 9 |
| Casual work .. | 169 | 6 | 1,087 | 26 | 265 | 6 |
| Other including inadequately defined .. | 238 | 22 | 1,383 | 140 | 348 | 28 |
| Quitted - | | | | | | |
| Medical unfitness, work too heavy | 123 | 12 | 929 | 142 | 226 | 23 |
| Other, including inadequately defined .. | 93 | 7 | 508 | 46 | 103 | 13 |
| Not previously employed - | | | | | | |
| Employers, workers on own account | 17 | - | 116 | 3 | 33 | 2 |
| Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work .. | 2 | - | 18 | 1 | 6 | - |
| Other .. | 14 | 2 | 37 | 15 | 12 | 4 |
| TOTAL : | 1,508 | 59 | 8,010 | 444 | 2,333 | 91 |

(ii) Industrial groups : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949, and of those on benefit at 26th February, 1949.

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

| Industry in which last engaged | Admissions during | | | | On Benefit | |
|--|-------------------|----|------------------------------|-----|--------------------|----|
| | February 1949 | | Eight months ended Feb. 1949 | | 26th February 1949 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying | 506 | - | 1,237 | 2 | 631 | - |
| Other Primary Production .. | 14 | - | 84 | - | 26 | - |
| Coal Mining .. | 55 | - | 293 | - | 14 | - |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 17 | - | 102 | - | 27 | - |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | | | | |
| Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding .. | 46 | - | 1,088 | 18 | 97 | 1 |
| Vehicles, including aircraft .. | 4 | - | 100 | 1 | 12 | - |
| Textiles and articles of dress .. | 5 | 7 | 68 | 47 | 7 | 7 |
| Food, drink and tobacco .. | 357 | 9 | 1,771 | 36 | 755 | 13 |
| Furniture, woodwork, etc. .. | 39 | - | 179 | - | 47 | - |
| Other factories, including heat, light and power .. | 39 | 1 | 288 | 13 | 70 | 2 |
| Building and Construction .. | 163 | - | 960 | - | 249 | - |
| Transport and Communication .. | 61 | 1 | 388 | 11 | 85 | 1 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 95 | 14 | 664 | 89 | 134 | 22 |
| Finance and Property .. | 5 | - | 45 | - | 9 | - |
| Public Administration and Professional | 35 | 10 | 331 | 53 | 69 | 12 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 53 | 15 | 360 | 155 | 84 | 27 |
| Other .. | 14 | 2 | 52 | 19 | 17 | 6 |
| TOTAL : | 1,508 | 59 | 8,010 | 444 | 2,333 | 91 |

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 26th February, 1949, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949.

STATES

| Industry in which last engaged | N.S.W. (a) | Vic. | Q'ld. | S.A. (b) | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. |
|--|---------------|------|-------|-------------|------|------|-------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying | 31 | 4 | 591 | - | - | 5 | 631 |
| Other Primary Production .. | - | - | 21 | - | 5 | - | 26 |
| Coal Mining .. | 9 | - | 4 | - | - | 1 | 14 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 2 | - | 19 | - | 6 | - | 27 |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | | | | | |
| Founding, Engineering, metal- | | | | | | | |
| working including shipbuilding .. | 48 | - | 32 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 97 |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 2 | 1 | 6 | - | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Textiles and articles of dress .. | - | - | 6 | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| Food, drink and tobacco .. | 6 | 2 | 741 | - | 5 | 1 | 755 |
| Furniture, woodwork, etc. .. | 5 | 3 | 35 | - | 3 | 1 | 47 |
| Other factories, including heat, | | | | | | | |
| light and power .. | 12 | - | 44 | 1 | 13 | - | 70 |
| Building and Construction .. | 25 | 1 | 204 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 249 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 10 | 4 | 58 | - | 8 | 5 | 85 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 16 | - | 100 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 134 |
| Finance and Property .. | 1 | - | 6 | - | 2 | - | 9 |
| Public Administration and Professional | 12 | 3 | 41 | - | 12 | 1 | 69 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 8 | 2 | 59 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 84 |
| Other .. | 1 | - | 13 | - | 2 | 1 | 17 |
| <u>TOTAL - 26th February, 1949:</u> | 188 | 20 | 1,980 | 5 | 113 | 27 | 2,333 |
| <u>TOTAL - 28th February, 1948:</u> | 416 | 76 | 4,994 | 37 | 303 | 24 | 5,850 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the eight months ended February, 1949 and the persons on benefit at 26th February 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| State | Claims admitted during the eight months ended February, 1949. | | | | On Benefit at 26th February, 1949. | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----|-------|-----|------------------------------------|----|-------|----|
| | Metropolitan | | Other | | Metropolitan | | Other | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| New South Wales (b) | 225 | 11 | 1,444 | 109 | 38 | 1 | 150 | 29 |
| Victoria .. | 45 | 20 | 130 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Queensland .. | 1,105 | 87 | 4,289 | 175 | 195 | 13 | 1,785 | 39 |
| South Australia (c) | 40 | 3 | 26 | - | 5 | 2 | - | - |
| Western Australia | 521 | 16 | 111 | 14 | 98 | 3 | 15 | - |
| Tasmania .. | 44 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 10 | - |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 1,980 | 139 | 6,030 | 305 | 359 | 22 | 1,974 | 69 |

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

8. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the eight months ended February, 1949 and those current at 26th February 1949 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| State | Claims admitted during the eight months ended February, 1949 | | | | On Benefit at 26th February, 1949 | | | |
|---------------------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | Metropolitan | | Other | | Metropolitan | | Other | |
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| New South Wales (b) | 8,046 | 2,878 | 5,310 | 1,044 | 1,689 | 643 | 1,153 | 265 |
| Victoria .. | 5,623 | 2,107 | 2,582 | 689 | 1,507 | 629 | 593 | 197 |
| Queensland .. | 2,713 | 807 | 2,962 | 534 | 645 | 238 | 611 | 138 |
| South Australia (c) | 3,100 | 791 | 541 | 77 | 577 | 187 | 80 | 16 |
| Western Australia | 2,126 | 667 | 1,192 | 190 | 405 | 159 | 167 | 38 |
| Tasmania .. | 716 | 169 | 784 | 163 | 157 | 40 | 170 | 40 |
| TOTAL : | 22,324 | 7,419 | 13,371 | 2,697 | 4,980 | 1,896 | 2,774 | 694 |

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 26th February, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

XV. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH FEBRUARY, 1949.
AUSTRALIA.

| Industry in which last engaged | Males | Females | Persons |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying .. | 625 | 9 | 634 |
| Other Primary Production .. | 177 | - | 177 |
| Coal Mining .. | 192 | - | 192 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 124 | 2 | 126 |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | |
| Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding .. | 1,092 | 113 | 1,205 |
| Vehicles, including aircraft .. | 355 | 12 | 367 |
| Textiles and articles of dress .. | 301 | 467 | 768 |
| Food, drink and tobacco .. | 519 | 115 | 634 |
| Furniture, woodwork, etc. .. | 325 | 15 | 340 |
| Other Factories, including heat, light and Power .. | 753 | 170 | 923 |
| Building and Construction .. | 1,211 | 10 | 1,221 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 675 | 67 | 742 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 741 | 420 | 1,161 |
| Finance and Property .. | 41 | 49 | 90 |
| Public Administration and Professional .. | 223 | 442 | 665 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 376 | 695 | 1,071 |
| Other .. | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| TOTAL : | 7,754 | 2,590 | 10,344 |

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during February, 1949, and the eight months ended February, 1949, and of those on benefit at 26th February, 1949.

XVI. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING FEBRUARY, 1949 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

| Nature of Sickness | Admissions during - | | | | On Benefit | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | February 1949 | | Eight months ended February, 1949 | | 26th February 1949 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Infective and Parasitic Diseases .. | 230 | 79 | 2,985 | 857 | 376 | 169 |
| Cancer .. | 27 | 6 | 202 | 36 | 74 | 15 |
| Other Tumours .. | 26 | 20 | 285 | 202 | 72 | 54 |
| Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases .. | 256 | 75 | 2,058 | 609 | 600 | 199 |
| Diseases of - | | | | | | |
| Blood and Blood-forming Organs .. | 24 | 24 | 161 | 167 | 46 | 51 |
| Nervous System and Sense Organs .. | 397 | 167 | 3,166 | 1,278 | 835 | 389 |
| Circulatory System .. | 374 | 65 | 3,029 | 504 | 945 | 191 |
| Respiratory System .. | 316 | 70 | 3,791 | 851 | 622 | 187 |
| Digestive System .. | 990 | 324 | 7,949 | 2,191 | 1,477 | 405 |
| Genito-Urinary System .. | 185 | 123 | 1,382 | 767 | 330 | 193 |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. .. | - | 98 | - | 803 | - | 225 |
| Skin and Cellular Tissue .. | 278 | 58 | 1,912 | 402 | 327 | 88 |
| Bones and Organs of Movement .. | 113 | 31 | 914 | 263 | 218 | 88 |
| Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions) .. | 76 | 51 | 563 | 364 | 130 | 95 |
| Injuries and Acute Poisoning - | | | | | | |
| Fractures .. | 459 | 54 | 3,689 | 399 | 1,109 | 148 |
| Other injuries, etc. .. | 415 | 53 | 3,371 | 380 | 515 | 76 |
| Operations (original disability not stated) .. | 23 | 2 | 123 | 10 | 45 | 6 |
| Other (including not stated) .. | 15 | 4 | 115 | 33 | 33 | 11 |
| TOTAL : | 4,204 | 1,304 | 35,695 | 10,116 | 7,754 | 2,590 |

9. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eight months ended February, 1949, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1949.

STATES.

| State | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Percentage Rejects to total |
| N.S.W.(a) | 4,953 | 3,164 | 20,159 | 2,881 | 4,268 | 248 | 29,380 | 6,293 | 21.42 |
| Vic. | 341 | 140 | 13,281 | 2,280 | 3,230 | 257 | 16,852 | 2,677 | 15.89 |
| Q'ld. | 9,733 | 4,077 | 8,233 | 1,217 | 369 | 132 | 18,335 | 5,426 | 29.59 |
| S.A.(b) | 2,902 | 2,833 | 5,414 | 905 | 136 | 35 | 8,452 | 3,773 | 44.64 |
| W.A. | 1,141 | 479 | 4,934 | 759 | 611 | 59 | 6,686 | 1,297 | 19.40 |
| Tas. | 95 | 18 | 2,118 | 286 | 127 | 31 | 2,340 | 335 | 14.31 |
| TOTAL : | 19,165 | 10,711 | 54,139 | 8,328 | 8,741 | 762 | 82,045 | 19,801 | 24.13 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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